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Representation of depressed classes in the North Arcot District Educational Council.

*1522 *Q.*—Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any member of the depressed classes has been nominated to the Educational Council of North Arcot;

(*b*) if the answer is in the negative, the reasons for there being no representative of the depressed classes in this Council; and

(*c*) whether he proposes to nominate a member from the Adi-Dravida community?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Mr. C. J. Lucas, M.A., L.T., the present representative of the depressed classes on the District Educational Council, North Arcot, is, in the opinion of Government, well fitted to look after the interests of this community in view of his special interest in them.

(*c*) The question will be considered when a vacancy arises.

Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai:—"With reference to the answer to clause (*b*), may I know whether Mr. Lucas is a member of the depressed classes?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"He was recommended to us as a person who was capable of taking care of the interests of the depressed classes."

Opening of a school in Pariamattur village.

*1523 *Q.*—Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai: Will the hon the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he is aware that there is no school of any sort in the village of Pariamattur (Tiruppattur taluk, North Arcot district) having about 100 houses with a population of over 500 and that consequently pupils from this village have to walk to Chinnamattur at a distance of two miles; and

(*b*) whether he will consider the desirability of opening a school in the above village at a very early date?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information. A report will be called for.

Admission of Adi-Dravidas in the Taluk Board school at Mullankombay.

*1524 *Q.*—Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he is aware that Adi-Dravida children are not allowed admission in the Taluk Board school at Mullankombay (Tiruppattur taluk, North Arcot district); and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, whether he will be pleased to take steps to remove such restriction?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information. A report will be called for.